# Rear Admiral (Select) Gregory R. Thomas, USN
## Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard



Rear Admiral (Select) Greg Thomas assumed command of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in June 2007. A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, RDML(Sel) Thomas was commissioned an Ensign in 1982 upon earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering at the United States Naval Academy.  After completing nuclear power and submarine training, he transferred to the Engineering Duty Officer community to serve as Outside Machinery Repair (R-9) Division Officer at Naval Submarine Support Facility New London from 1985 to 1988.

He served next in USS *San Juan* (SSN 751), where he qualified in submarines and supported the delivery and shakedown period of the first improved LOS ANGELES-class fast attack submarine.  In 1991, he transferred to Groton, Connecticut, to lead construction and delivery of a number of 688 class submarines and complete the Engineering Duty Officer Qualification Program.

RDML(Sel) Thomas was subsequently assigned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, the Naval Engineer's Degree and a Ph.D. in Hydrodynamics, as well as the American Society of Naval Engineers Brand Award for academic excellence.  In 1996, he reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command to serve as the first Design Manager and Technical Director for the world's largest unmanned autonomous vehicle, the LSV-2 *Cutthroat*.  In recognition for superior performance in the LSV-2 development, RDML(Sel) Thomas received the 1999 NAVSEA Association of Scientists and Engineers Professional Achievement Award.

RDML(Sel) Thomas next served as the first VIRGINIA-Class Program Manager's Representative at Northrop Grumman Newport News, and as Submarine Project Officer for SUPSHIP Newport News, from 1999 to 2001.  As Repair Officer in USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40), home ported in Guam, from 2001 to 2003, he led maintenance efforts on ships and submarines of the Seventh Fleet, and in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.  He also executed the first-ever Fleet Maintenance Activity Availabilities on Fast Attack Submarines homeported outside the continental U.S., and coordinated the certification and on-time deployment of the first SSN homeported on Guam, the USS *City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705).  As Maintenance Officer, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, RDML(Sel) Thomas coordinated Fleet requirements for the acceptance of the lead ships of two submarine classes, USS *Virginia* (SSN 774) and USS *Jimmy Carter* (SSN 23), and co-chaired Submarine Team One. He then served as Operations Officer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, from 2005 to 2007.

As commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, RDML(Sel) Thomas' primary achievements include dramatically improving efficiency to return ships and submarines to the fleet on time, on budget, and with high quality repairs; developing a 25-year Shipyard Modernization Plan; and leading community support activities such as encouraging thousands of Hawaii's high school students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math through FIRST Robotics competitions.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.